

Something More Than  
a Split Infinitive  
Meets Your Eye Here

Editors don't know what trouble  
until they pick up the other fel-  
low's paper and read where some  
newfangled educator has suddenly  
gone off his rocker and proposed  
to make schooling a pleasant and  
painless work of illiterate art.

He belongs to a new cult, does  
this professor, and he's going to  
live us words without spelling;  
geography without names; history  
without dates — and arithmetic  
that you can count on your toes.

Last time I exploded was when  
some fugitive from an empty space-  
ship expounded the idea that young-  
sters could be taught to read, not  
words and sentences and para-  
graphs, but by absorbing a whole  
page at a glance. Editors take a  
dim view of that kind of fiction.  
We get enough of it in some of the  
correspondence we handle from  
careless adults — without having  
to quote odds also on ignorant  
kids.

And yet I read in another news-  
paper that a very real ghost is  
stalking over the hill grimly bent  
on murdering the last of the King's  
English. This time we are going  
to have readin' and writin' with-  
out grammar.

You don't believe it? Well, I  
didn't just pick the idea out of  
some bat-roost. I've got it right  
down here in front of me, in black  
and white, all spelled out and  
grammarized, too.

It's an editorial, and I quote —

Grammar Essential  
(Jacksonville, Fla., Times-Union)

Who kill Cock Robin?  
"Me," said the Sparrow, "with  
my bone arer, I kill Cock Robin."

Who saw him die?  
"Me," said the Magpie, "with  
my little eye, I seen him die."

There, most ungrammatically,  
is presented a version of a familiar  
Mother Goose rhyme as adapted to  
conform with much of modern  
speech. The meaning has not been  
altered in the slightest. Yet, who  
can say that the verses have been  
improved by resorting to the ver-  
nacular? In the eyes of a genera-  
tion taught to have a healthy re-  
spect for the English language,  
there can be no question but what  
"touch of the charm of the ver-  
ges have been lost in the grating ef-  
fers." Nevertheless, it seems that  
some persons prefer "natural"  
modes of expression, no matter  
how grammatical forms are ignor-  
ed.

This subject is discussed by Dr.  
Harry R. Warfel, English professor  
at the University of Florida, in his  
soon to be published book, "Who  
Killed Grammar?" He says the  
controversy over idiomatic use of  
language, as opposed to classic  
formality, is causing grammar to  
be dropped as a school subject.  
His conclusion is that instructors  
must in newspapers, magazines  
and books, teach expressions uni-  
versally employed while preserv-  
ing unity of the language. The  
study of grammar is still essential.  
It is possible to agree in part  
with Dr. Warfel. The study of  
grammar, which is sadly neglected  
these days, is most essential. But  
why waste time in classes with  
study of "universal expressions"?  
These are picked up by students  
at every turn. Is it necessary for  
a teacher to explain that "It is  
time for a punt and a prayer?"  
means that "Conditions necessitate  
relinquishment of the initiative  
momentarily with hopes that opo-  
nents will consummate an error  
from which profit can be derived"?  
Teachers have an obligation to  
inculcate a knowledge and appre-  
ciation of correct and formal En-  
glish, which is far from dry and  
sterile. Idioms and colloquialisms,  
which unquestionably brighten and  
vitalize the language, can be ac-  
quired without effort. Correct and  
precise use of language is a pre-  
requisite to accurate thinking, which  
is a major aim of education.

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WEATHER FORECAST  
Arkansas: Mostly cloudy this  
afternoon, tonight. Showers, thun-  
derstorms in south this afternoon  
tonight. Sunday clearing, cool.  
Lowest tonight 25 to 35.  
Temperatures  
High 57 Low 33

## Cherry's Money Bill Would Aid Public Schools

By LEON HATCH

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Gov. Cher-  
ry's new "money" bill, carrying in-  
crease yearly for Arkansas' public  
schools, made its appearance in  
both legislative branches yester-  
day.

The bill would replace the present  
one which has been on the  
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## Farm Bureau Checkup Meet Set Monday

Hempstead County Farm Bureau  
Checkup meeting Monday night  
at 8:45 o'clock at the county court  
house. Oscar Hodnett, mem-  
ber-ship chairman of the county, ur-  
ges all workers to be in attendance  
and on time.

To date 320 memberships are  
reported Garland and Nowland  
townships are leading in per-  
centage of previous membership re-  
ported with 48 members compared  
to 54 members in 1952. This is  
very fine report for the portion of  
the drive completed. Leaders in  
these communities are well dis-  
tributed and all have reported ex-  
cept one worker who may have the  
other six memberships. Other com-  
munities are expected to be well  
along during the next few days.

Ned Purdie, president of the coun-  
ty, joins with Mr. Hodnett in ur-  
ging all workers and other mem-  
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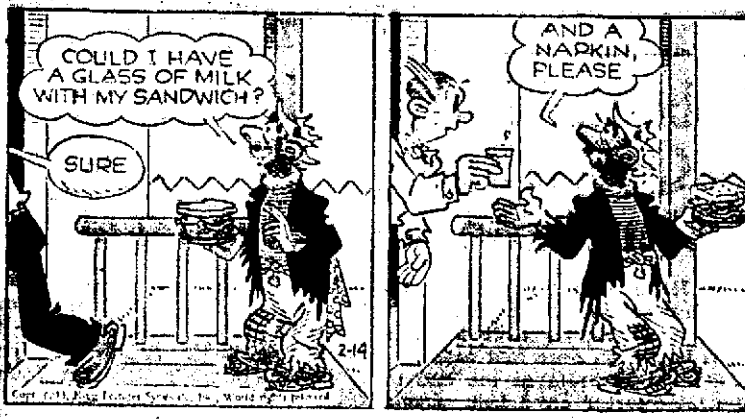
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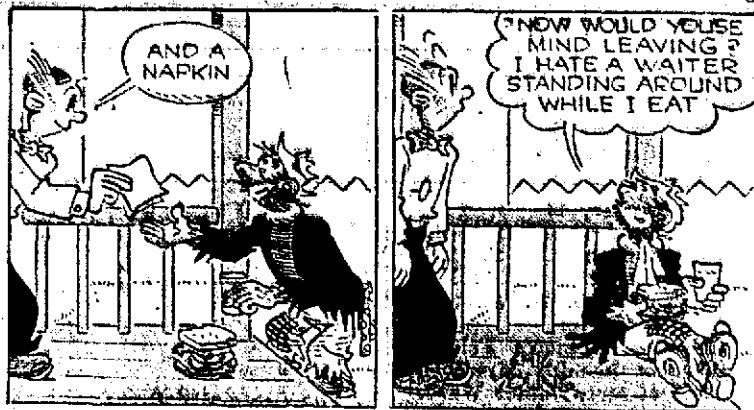




BLONDIE



By Chick Young



OZARK IKE



By Ray Gorty

Valentine Greetings

Answer to Previous Puzzle

**HORIZONTAL**

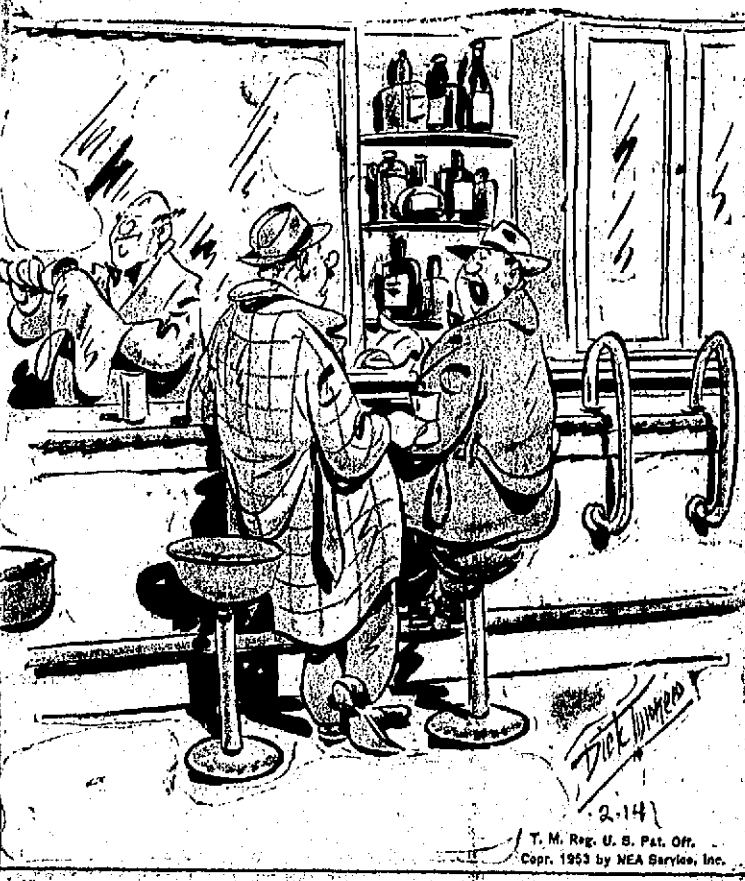
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2 Bank clerk  
3 Valentines contain sentimental  
4 "Lily maid of Astolat"  
5 Grain beard  
6 European mountain  
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8 River in Switzerland  
9 Disorder  
10 Short-napped  
11 Part of the month  
12 Disputed  
13 Beasts of burden  
14 Brazilian myth  
15 Land parcel  
16 Reverend (ab.)  
17 Perched  
18 Struck (slang)  
19 Native of Serbia  
20 Personal (ab.)  
21 Plier  
22 Harvest  
23 Exclamation of triumph  
24 Gopher's device  
25 Winglike part  
26 Princely residence  
27 Closer  
28 Leveled  
29 Small candles  
30 Pauses  
31 Succinct

**VERTICAL**

1 Inv'sible vapor  
2 Secretary of the U. S. Navy (1861-1869)  
3 Go by  
4 Yale  
5 Number  
6 Pronoun  
7 Assam silkworm  
8 Assault  
9 Taps anew  
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11 Russian rulers  
12 Erect  
13 Bondsman  
14 Varnish ingredient  
15 Grows  
16 Size of paper  
17 Allowance for waste  
18 Unprofitable  
19 Act properly  
20 Expunges  
21 Female deer  
22 Erector  
23 Bundlers  
24 Horse that sets stride  
25 Twisted  
26 Analyze a sentence  
27 Powerful explosive  
28 French plural article  
29 Consume  
30 Mimic

**CARNIVAL**

By Dick Turner



"I always say you get out of life exactly what you put into it—less taxes, of course!"

SIDE GLANCES



"I'd better buy dad a cheap corned pipe for his birth day—already he thinks I get too much allowance!"

OUT OUR WAY



OUR BOARDING HOUSE



FUNNY BUSINESS

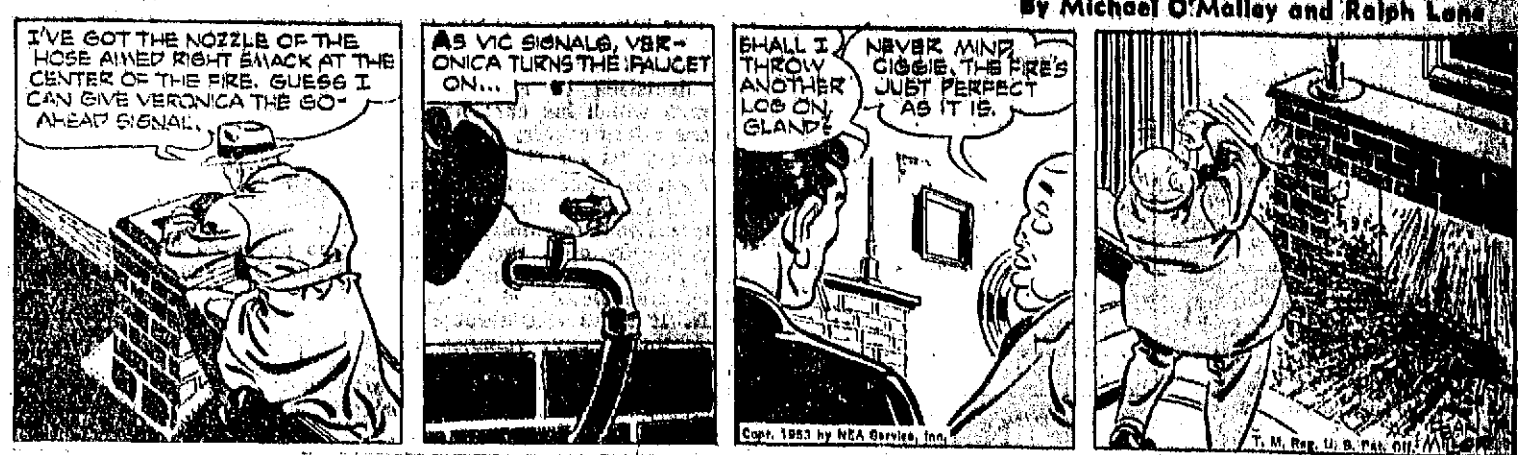


"I don't mind cold weather since I rigged up this heating pad idea!"

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



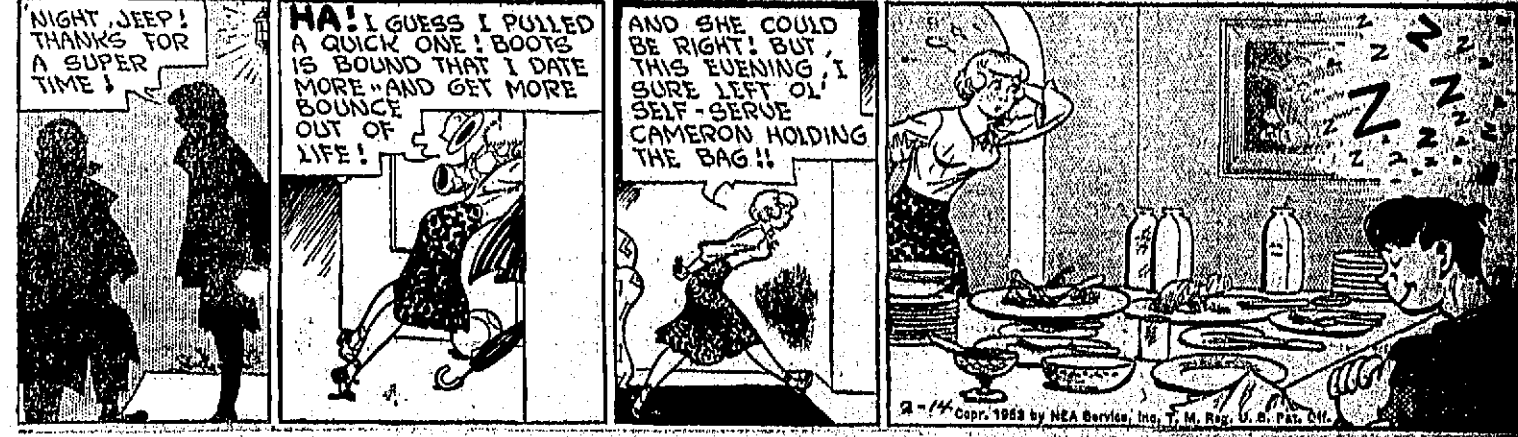
VIC FLINT



WASH TUBBS



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



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ALLEY OOP



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